



**Meeting Minutes of the  
California Exposition & State Fair  
Cultural Advisory Council**

Held

Thursday May 14, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.  
Via teleconference originating at  
California State Fairgrounds  
1600 Exposition Blvd.  
Sacramento, California 95815

**Council Members Present**

Anita R. Johnson, Chair  
Jag Nagendra, Vice Chair

Dorian Almaraz, Member  
David Banuelos, Member  
Delgreta Brown, Member  
Twiana Armstrong-Bryant, Member  
Denise Carter, Member  
Stephanie Chavez, Member  
Richard Pannell, Alternate Member

Michael Colbruno, Member  
Letitia P. Earl, Member  
Cat Nou, Member  
Cha Vang, Member  
Danny Vang, Member  
Jerry Yamashita, Member

**Council Members Absent**

Debora Richardson-Brister, Member  
Chris Mateo, Member  
Susan Knutson, Alternate Member

**Board and Staff Present**

Director Sonney Chong, Board Liaison  
Rick Pickering, CEO-General Manager  
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary

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## MINUTES

1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was call to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Johnson.

2) **ROLL CALL** – Role was taken and a quorum was present.

Council Member Richardson-Brister, Council Member Mateo were not present and Alternate Council Member Knutson was not present and asked to be excused.

**MOTION:**

Vice Chair Nagendra moved to excuse Council Members Knutson. Motion was seconded by Council Member Vang. **All in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

3) **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF**

4) **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

a) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2020.

**MOTION:**

Councilmember Nou moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 9, 2020.

Councilmember Earl seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

5) **STAFF UPDATES**

a) Cal Expo Updates

CEO Pickering started with acknowledging that the universe and Cal Expo have been turned upside down. Cal Expo was requested to facilitate a drive through COVID-19 testing facility that is one of the State largest testing facilities. Cal Expo was also requested to assist the State, City and County to receive 63 trailers from FEMA that are isolation and recovery trailers for homeless that have tested positive for COVID. CEO Pickering continued with a question and answer period discussing Governor's May revise, additional COVID-19 impacts, Council Member suggestions.

6) **MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

a) Public Comments Matters not on the Agenda

b) Members Comments not on the Agenda

Vice Chair Nagendra suggested that since there will not be a State Fair maybe this would be a good time to plan, brainstorm and come up with a Roadmap for the upcoming years.

Council Member Nou asked for clarification as there are new members on the Zoom meeting call. Vice Chair Nagendra explained that at the last Council Meeting the question was asked, "What is the role of the CAC"? There is a Mission Statement but how and what actives are being done to support the Mission Statement? Vice Chair Nagendra went on to explain that during this time we could be creating a clear vision and moving forward with idea's going to the State Fair Board of Directors. After a lengthy discussion CAC Members are to send their ideas, passions and suggestions to the Chair and Vice Chair by May

30, 2020, and they will decide whether or not to have sub-committees or have planning sessions.

## **7) ADJOURMENT**

The Cultural Advisory Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.